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## CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 07-MAR-2005

|            | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD. AVG. | LOADS |
|------------|-------|----------|-----------|-------|
| US GRADE A | 60-74 | 63-66    | 66.13     | 28    |

## GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

73.75

## FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

73.53

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

## ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Mar-05

|               | Current Week | Previous Week |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Broiler/fryer | 163,044      | 159,306       |

| ITEM             | WTD. AVG.<br>(CENTS PER POUND) | VOLUME<br>(000 POUNDS) |
|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| LINE RUN TENDERS | 171.00                         | 1,291                  |
| BREASTS - B/S    | 142.50                         | 5,701                  |
| BREASTS - WHOLE  | 82.50                          | 1,352                  |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 94.00                          | 997                    |
| LEG QUARTERS     | 32.00                          | 6,999                  |
| WINGS            | 115.50                         | 2,955                  |

**MIDWEST** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from Monday's final into the Chicago area. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Offerings very light to light on light to moderate trade call. Movement into all sectors was improved as weekend momentum pushes first of the month interest; fair to good most often noted. Floor stocks were balanced to ample; weights desirable. Trade on parts was light to occasionally moderate, best call into further processing. Supplies of wings were plentiful, remaining breast cuts adequate and in balance, leg quarters were in tightest position. The market tone was steady on whole, boneless/skinless breast, tenderloins and dark meat with wings cautiously steady to weak.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **WEEK ENDING MARCH 04, 2005**

|                     | CURRENT<br>WEEK | LAST<br>WEEK | SAME WEEK<br>YEAR AGO |                      | CURRENT<br>WEEK | LAST<br>WEEK | SAME WEEK<br>YEAR AGO |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| <b>8-16 LB HENS</b> |                 |              |                       | <b>16-24 LB TOMS</b> |                 |              |                       |
| EASTERN REGION      | 64.00**         | 64.80        | 62.70**               | EASTERN REGION       | 64.00           | 62.00        | 61.40**               |
| CENTRAL REGION      | 64.00           | 64.00        | 61.50                 | CENTRAL REGION       | 62.00**         | 62.00**      | 59.00                 |
| WESTERN REGION      | 64.70**         | 65.00**      | 63.00**               | WESTERN REGION       | 62.70**         | 63.00**      | 58.00                 |

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

## LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 26-Feb-2005 (PRELIMINARY)

|                | YOUNG CHICKENS<br>THOUSANDS |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Head           | 156,421                     |
| Avg Wt         | 5.28                        |
| Last week      | 156,653                     |
| Same wk yr ago | 152,700                     |
| Avg Wt         | 5.17                        |
| To-date/2005   | 1,250,969                   |
| To-date/2004   | 1,225,994                   |

## LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

|                | YOUNG<br>HENS<br>THOUSANDS | YOUNG<br>TOMS |
|----------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Head           | 1,473                      | 2,441         |
| Avg Wt         | 16.17                      | 38.60         |
| Last week      | 1,427                      | 2,489         |
| Same wk yr ago | 1,744                      | 2,466         |
| Avg Wt         | 15.76                      | 36.46         |
| To-date/2005   | 12,233                     | 20,073        |
| To-date/2004   | 13,468                     | 19,476        |

## FRESH PORK CUTS

| FOB Negotiated           | PRICE RANGE     | WTD AVG |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Loin                     |                 |         |
| 1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT  | 118.00          | 118.00  |
| BNLS Strap-on 5-11#      | 139.00 - 145.00 | 139.95  |
| Trimmed Butt             |                 |         |
| 1/4" Trim Stk Rdy        | 103.00          | 103.00  |
| SPARERIB                 |                 |         |
| 3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT | 145.00          | 145.00  |

## FRESH BEEF CUTS

| FOB Negotiated                  | PRICE RANGE   | WTD AVG |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------|
| 112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy | 515.00 561.56 | 526.86  |
| 168 3 Round, top inside round   | 176.69 193.00 | 179.35  |
| 180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1    | 495.34 551.03 | 527.01  |
| Ground Beef 81%                 | 121.00 138.09 | 129.22  |

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